





**Dr. Ernest Douma**

Next to the story of Fallaisey, which Mr. Henry Arthur Jones so admirably illustrated in his fine play of "The Middleman," the early life of Eli Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, is one of the most touching in the range of industrial biography. He was poor and married. One night, despairing to find the means of supporting three children made upon his labours, he watched the busy needle of his wife. Trying "to think out something that should increase his scanty income," he found himself wondering why his machine could not be made to take fifty stitches to the inch. He pondered over the idea, and experimented upon it. Finally he made a first sewing machine. And then his troubles began. If he had tarred and suffered during his most ingenious labours, he underwent a thousand times more hardships when his great work was finished. He was obliged to use his machine into use, and second in maintaining his patent rights. Boston would have nothing to do with it. Tailors feared their occupation would be gone if they adopted it. He took steamer passage and came to London. One Thomas in Chesapeake gave him shelter for the night, and he worked 43 a week to work it. Intending, except this proposal he went home, paid his debts, and shipped his household goods for London. The vessel went on its first day out. His wife, worn out with worry and excitement, died of consumption. The pirate ship had sent him to jail, and he brought the "Yankee Sewing Machine." Happily with assistance he had legally protected his work. His father sold what lit-

## THE GARDEN.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR "THE PEOPLE.")

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### CHRYSANTHEMUM NOTES.

ALL the early-rooted plants will now be in five-inch pots in cold frames very freely vegetating, and will be ready to pot on to five or six inch pots, and when thoroughly hardened they may be outside altogether, as the less the plants are exposed to frost the better. The growing season so far has, at least, as concerns growing plants, been a very successful one. The chrysanthemum blooms, is a science which requires very close study. Season's vary, and the treatment must be varied accordingly. The plants in cold frames will have found some difficulty in losing them to rot at the usual time, and because of this I have been obliged to water, although I am not certain that this will be disadvantage. It is better to have dwarf sturdy plants that have been grown cool, than spindly plants that have been overwatered. In view of the severe weather of last January and February, in my mind, I should not recommend stiring in the cold frame again. If there is the least bit of heat the conditions will be suitable, but if the month's continuous frost stagnates everything, which will break into three later on, but with late rooted plants, I think there should be less cutting back, and only a few plants should be cut back. It is a good time for striking cuttings to produce dwarf plants for grouping; good strong cuttings will be easily obtained now, and if these are rooted in the usual way, they will be well budded in due course produce one fine bloom in five inch pot. Such plants are more useful for the room than the early ones, which will be cut back early. Poppans may be struck now to make neat window plants and I have seen neat little specimens obtained by placing them in the room, and the plants which are without their require more space just as they are when separating them. It is very important that the loam which forms the staple of this soil should be of the best quality, and of the quality. We want the rich, silky loam, which has a soft feel to the touch; the hard-fused, hungry loam from a limestone or gravelly soil, which is very hard, and which will lay great stress upon the quality of the loam, and in many instances the loam, especially the

Sidney A. Southgate, 12 months missing.  
 William Castle, 2 years ago, in New South Wales. Sister.  
 S. W. Goldsmith, last heard of Jan. 11, 1894.  
 Sister Edith.  
 Samuel Seader, went to Melbourne in Oct., 1849. Wife.  
 John and Graham Goulding, of Liverpool, missing seven years. Sister Polly.  
 Frank Harvey, about 45 years ago in British North America. Nephew.

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Mrs. D. Stewart Farnell was reported to have been killed by the consequence of the injuries she received during the recent attack of which she was a victim.

**A. FRANKS.**—Any abnormalities mouth, throat, or air passages must be remedied. The treatment is then purely rational, exercise with much patience, greatness, and deliberation in speaking. Read slowly practising over and over again combination of sounds which give the greatest difficulty. Slowly singing or intoning available with patience and care will come.

**ALPHA.**—Dissolve Epoum salts in beer, apply to the glass with a sponge or a brush.

**ALPHA.**—Depends on what stains are taken out. Ink, grease or oil, rust, &c., require different treatment.

**MISCHIEF.**—Impossible to say unless we what the stains are.

**E. M. PORTMANHAUT.**—If very soiled with a weak solution of oxalic acid and

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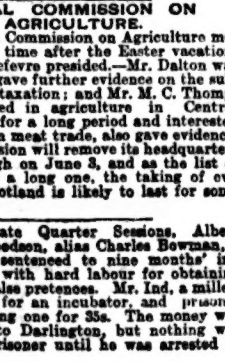






## CHILD MURDERED.

At Margate Quarter Sessions, Albe Edward Woodson, alias Charles Bowman, clerk, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour for obtaining money by false pretences. Mr. Ind, a miller advertised for an incubator, and prison wrote offering one for 35s. The money was forwarded to Darlington, but nothing was heard of prisoner until he was arrested Carlisle.



**"CASH FOR BRAINS" CASE.**  
**ESCAPE OF DEFENDENTS.**  
English law is notoriously strong on rights of property; and it seems as if property has its rights even when the law is broken. The result of the "Cash for Brains," alias Oxygene, at Old Bailey makes that evident when remembered that the Common Sergeant granting £2,000 bail to the Oxygene men explained that the charge being one of larceny, the question might arise before the court as to the right to refund bail money—that the holders of thousands of British money, got presumably by fraud, had purchased for £2,000 the right to go with the remainder of their takings. £2,000 was restated on Wednesday, 1 man and Webber naturally failing to put an appearance.

A large quantity of silver plate has just found in a ditch near Eridge. Such is the cash and bullion house, near the glary last July at Silverhill House, near Eridge.

**DULWICH MASKED BURGLAR.**  
At the Central Criminal Court, last Monday, 23rd, Clark, pleaded guilty to a burglary in the dwelling house of Annie Maria Gibbons, and stealing from a quantity of jewellery, value £21 5s. He was putting her in bodily fear.—This was the case which the prisoner, on Feb. 4, wearing a mask, forced his way into prosecutor's house in Chancellor-row, and, armed with a revolver, threatened to shoot it at the servant, telling her that if screamed he would shoot her. He then made her duct him to her mistress's bedroom and there he forced her to lie on the bed. He then thrust her arms behind her back, threatening her with the revolver if she raised an alarm, and took some rings and other jewellery from a dressing case. He then threatened to shoot her. He then thrust himself to several articles prisoner escaped, leaving the girl exhausted.—Nine months.

Archdeacon Farrar has been appointed Dean of Canterbury.

Her Majesty's cruiser Ruby, Capt. John Ferris, saluted the flag of Vice-Admiral Richard Wells, commanding the fleet at the Nore, on her return from a tour of duty to the West Indies on the 27th inst.

One of the training squadron. The Ruby is in need of extensive repairs, and it is under consideration to pay her off, and transfer her crew to the third-class cruiser Champion, Capt. Eustace Rooke, which is on her passage home from the Pacific Station. The Ruby has been attached to the training squadron for the past six years.

at Liverpool Assizes of the murder of his  
t同伴, William Henry Holme, at Tyldes-  
e, near Wigan, by throwing him down an  
old colliery shaft, was brought up at Liver-  
pool County Sessions on Wednesday, charged  
with having cruelly ill-treated the lad.  
Several witnesses, including the lad, deposed  
that the prisoner had used the most brutal  
the lad, whom he used to beat savagely  
with a pick shaft and other weapons.—The  
jury found the prisoner guilty.—Six months.

The political reception and ball at the  
National Liberal Club on May will be  
a party demonstration. Prominent members  
of the Government have announced their  
intention of being present.

Thomas Sissen J. Ayare, with being, 35, and others, who were charged with receiving letters containing postal orders and cheques from various letter-boxes in the Post-office, were removed by an assistant in the service of Messrs. Charles and Joseph, of Paternoster-square, abstracting letters from their letter-box. He stopped the witness, and took him into and locked the door. He then went after the other boys, but failed to find them. In the meantime the witness managed to get away. The matter was placed in the hands of Detectives, who subsequently arrested the boys. When made a confession to the effect that he was with Crawford, and that they had not taken letters from Paternoster-square, Ludgate-square, and other letter-boxes, as alleged by Mr. Charles that letters containing postal orders and cheques from customers in Liverpool, Leicester, Macclesfield, and other towns had been stolen from the letter-boxes. Also a charge of breaking and entering against them.—Remanded.



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## LAST WEEK'S LAW AND POLICE.

**Mansion House.**—ALLEGED BURGLES IN THE CITY.—James Smith, 21, French polisher, Stainforth-road, Battersea; John Cashman, 25, scavenger, Red Lion-court, Commercial-street; John Wakeman, 16, and George Johnson, 16, Gun-street, Spitalfields, were severely charged with burglariously breaking and entering No. 82, Upper Thames-street, and with being in the unlawful possession of housebreaking implements.—Alfred Dobson, watchman at 82, Upper Thames-street, which premises form a depot of the City Commissioners of Sewers, said that at midnight on Friday he heard a peculiar noise and ran upstairs into a room, the window of which he found to be broken. The catch had been forced back. Inside the window, on the ledge, was a jenny and several spots of blood. There was a large sum in gold and silver in the room, but the burglars had apparently been disturbed before they could open the cupboard where the cash was kept. The case was kept. Cashman was in the service of the commissioners, and he ought to have been at work that night.—P.C. Sharplin said that he saw the prisoners loitering at the corner of Queen-street, and, having his suspicions aroused, he sent for a detective. He asked Smith what he was entering, and he replied that he had just left the office of the commissioners, in whose employ he was. The men were moving away, when the watchman ran out with a jenny. Assistance was procured, and the prisoners were arrested. A box of silent matches was found on one of the men.—Smith, Wakeman, and Johnson pleaded guilty; Cashman denied the charge.—Committed for trial.

**Westminster.**—MAGISTRATE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE.—Edward Rowland, of Crescent-street, Notting Hill, was charged with deserting his wife and leaving her chargeable to the guardians of Chelsea.—Mr. W. J. Hughes, relieving officer, deposed that the woman was admitted to the workhouse last September. A summons which was taken against the husband soon afterwards could not be served as his whereabouts were unknown.—Mr. Sheil: How do you prove the desertion?—Witness: The fact that the summons could not be served shows that the man went away.—Mr. Sheil: I can't assume that; you must call one from the place where the people lived.—Mr. Hughes: I am a relieving officer, and I am not a detective. I can have the wife here.—Mr. Sheil: That won't do. She can't give evidence against her husband. Surely the Board of Guardians have a solicitor who would know what legal proof is required and get the evidence ready.—Witness: There is only one way to get the evidence, and that is to get the man here.—Mr. Sheil: I can't send people to prison for three months with no evidence at all. It may have to go through a good many phases—like the house that Jack built—but I presume the solicitor can be ultimately reached.—The relieving officer said he had no more evidence. He was asked to produce some other evidence that when arrested the defendant said, "I am caught, and will go with you." Afterwards he said that he never ran away from his wife, and that she went into the infirmary on her own account because he was out of work.—Mr. Sheil, in remanding the accused, told the relieving officer that he must be prepared to show the conditions under which the woman was left.

**Marlborough-street.**—A MAN IN WOMAN'S CLOTHES.—Wilhelm Julius, 21, an Austrian, describing himself as a singer, and giving an address in Church-street, St. Ann's, which proved to be false, was charged with being an idle and disorderly person found in female attire.—Prisoners wore a smart black hat trimmed with black feathers, and a yellow dress with black skirt, and velvet cap. He also had on a perfect fitting wig of auburn hair done up at the back in a fashionable knot, and spoke in an effeminate voice in German.—Det. Grimdale said that he was in Waterloo-place, in company with Det. Sgt. Mullen, on Friday night, when he saw the prisoner accost a woman with black feathers. Suspecting that the woman was a man he told him he should take him into custody. He took him to the police station, where his suspicions were verified. At the station he said to witness, "If you had let me go I would have given you 45, but made no reply to the charge. The prisoner, in defence, said he was waiting for an omnibus to take him to Brighton, and might have spoken to gentlemen about the omnibus he should take. He now wrote down an address at Clapham to which he stated he was going.—Remanded.

**Marylebone.**—GONE WAGON SOMEHOW.—Charles Drake Brockman, residing at Queen's-road, Bayswater, was charged on remand with attempting to commit suicide.—According to the evidence of the accused's mother, he had suffered from spasmodic fits and mental depression, the result of monetary anxiety. Shortly after going up to bed a noise was heard from his room, and hurrying there the mother found her son lying full length upon the floor, bleeding from a wound in the throat, which had been inflicted by a razor, which was lying on the floor close by.—P.C. 310 F was informed of what had taken place, and he called in Dr. Murphy, who found the accused in an excited condition, suffering from a slight wound on the throat, which had evidently been done whilst under the influence of stimulants. He said the sooner his end came the better.—An officer of the Royal Marines now said the accused had been on board H.M.S. Pembroke at Chatham until the latter was sent to the Yarmouth Lunatic Asylum. The following January he was discharged from the asylum and handed over to the care of friends who took him to Marylebone. He was then to appear before the Naval Medical Board for the purpose of being examined with a view to his duty.—Mr. Hanny inquired whether there was any possibility of his being taken back to Chatham and received an answer in the negative. An uncle of the accused intimated that during the remand his nephew was under the care of Dr. Murphy, who would continue to look after him.—Discharged.

**Jewel robbery at Kilburn.**—James Shutt, 22, described as a house painter, living at Orcus-street, Marylebone, was charged with being concerned with other men in perpetrating an extensive robbery at Kilburn Park-road, the shop of William John Mitchell, jeweller. Two men have already been convicted and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for participating in the robbery.—The evidence was that on the night of the robbery the prisoner and the other two men were seen loitering for a considerable time in the vicinity of the prosecutor's shop. Waiting until the road was to all appearances clear, they made their way, observed by a man named Green, who resides in the same road, to Mitchell's shop. One of the men smothered the window with a sticky substance and then struck and broke it. That done another of the trio snatched up a quantity of jewellery and all made off. The prosecutor, turning the smashing of the window, hurried into the street, where he arrived in time to see the men disappear round the corner. Examining the window he discovered that jewellery, including 24 diamond rings, three gold watches, &c., to the value of £100, had been stolen. From descriptions

given by the man Green, the two men now undergoing imprisonment were arrested, and the prisoner was taken into custody on Friday by P.C. Cull. When told the charge the prisoner said he knew nothing about the robbery. At the police station he was placed among other men and identified by Green.—Remanded.

**West London.**—A LIFE IN PRISON.—William Allwright, 38, of Cassidy-road, Fulham, was re-examined on a charge of abducting with £113 11d. while in the service of Messrs. Stanfield and Co., of the Swan Brewery. The prisoner pleaded guilty.—Det. Fowler said the accused appeared to have spent the best part of his life in prison. He had suffered 12 months for stealing a horse at Reading. He then joined the Army, but was discharged from several regiments for misconduct. May last he was released from Winchester Gaol after two years' imprisonment for an offence committed in India.—Six months.

**ACTON AND HIS WIFE.**—William James Travell, described as an actor, was charged with assaulting his wife.—The complainant first took out a summons against her husband for threats. It was served on the defendant on April 9, when the complainant returned home, she found the summons exhibited on the mantelpiece. The prisoner asked his wife to withdraw it, and she replied that she would think over the matter. As she was turning away he struck her, knocking her down. He did not get up, and the summons was then granted. Warrant-officer Grimes, who arrested him, said the prisoner was a respectable man.—Mr. Rose (to the accused): Where are you engaged?—The prisoner: At Olympia.—Ordered to find a surety to keep the peace.—The wife then applied for a separate order, but the magistrate said he did not grant it as the husband had not been guilty of any aggravated assault.

**MEMBERS OF A JUVENILE GANG.**—Edward Freeman, 12, and Robert Dodd, 11, were charged with being concerned in stealing a parcel of newspapers and periodicals, the property of Mr. C. Mather, a newsagent, of Boscobee-road, Shepherd's-bush.—A carman in the employ of the Mather and Marshall, publishers, in the Strand, left the parcel at the shop door in the usual way early on Friday morning, and it was afterwards missed.—Det. Sgt. Knott said that at midnight on Friday he found the prisoners concerned in a coal-cellar of a house in Catharine-road, where they were in possession of the parcel. They were in possession of the parcel, and gave it to Freeman, who put it under his coat. The officer gave some particulars concerning the boys, who had been reported missing from their homes. The prisoners, he said, belonged to a gang of young thieves. Both had been in custody and had been in the habit of stealing milk from doors several cases of felony against them.—Remanded to the workhouse.

**North London.**—THE LADY AND HER CAT.—A lady applied to Mr. Lane for advice as to how to proceed against a neighbour for detaining a cat. She said it was a very valuable Persian cat. It disappeared a few days ago, and she was not at all in the morning, by the applicant. When the cat was demanded the neighbour asked for 2s. 6d. for its keep and the trouble she had been put to.—Mr. Lane: The neighbour has no right to demand the half-crown, but it will cost 3s. for a summons.—The applicant left, saying she would consider which course to adopt.

**Highgate.**—UNBORNING A SUMMER HOUSE.—Charles Smith, 44, labourer, was charged with being concerned with Edward Craig in stealing a quantity of zinc, the property of Mr. Lethbridge, architect, Archway-road, Highgate.—On the 6th inst. P.C. 512 Y met prisoner and Craig in Southwood Lawn-road, Highgate, with the zinc in their possession. He was arrested, and the prisoner was taken away, and the zinc was stripped off a summer-house in the garden at the rear of Mr. Lethbridge's house. At this court on Monday, Craig, against whom several previous convictions were proved, was committed for trial.—Prisoner admitted that he was with Craig on the occasion.—Remanded.

**Clerkenwell.**—THREAT TO SUCCEED A WIFE.—Chas. F. Hakeman, 44, cabowner, was charged with threatening to shoot his wife, Caroline.—Prosecutrix stated that she had been separated from her husband for two years, and lived in Albion-road, Barnsbury. On Friday afternoon he came to the house, drew a revolver, and threatened to kill her, and then went to the police station. She did not now wish to proceed with the charge.—Mr. Horace Smith declined to allow it to be withdrawn.—P.C. 57 Y said after prosecutrix had made her complaint at the station he went to 111, Liverpool-road, and arrested the prisoner. He then searched the prisoner and found 50 cartridges were found upon a revolver, and 25 cartridges were found upon another article, and a letter threatening to kill both himself and his wife.—In reply to the magistrate, prisoner now said he had no intention of killing his wife, but he had bought the revolver in order to frighten her, because he wanted her to come back and live with him again.—Remanded.

**HADN'T PAID HIS FARE.**—Thomas Morris, fishmonger, Cheshunt, was charged with travelling from Hadley Wood to Finsbury Park without having paid his fare, with intent to defraud the G.N.R. Co.—On the previous afternoon the prisoner was found by a ticket collector in a third-class carriage at Finsbury Park Station without a ticket, and was charged.—At the station 1s. was found upon him. The fare would have been 8d.—40s. or a month.

**His Wife Locked Him Out.**—Ethelred K. Freebody, Amber-road, Finsbury Park, was charged with being found on enclosed premises for the supposed purpose of committing a felony.—The previous night prisoner had been found on some premises in Camden-road, where building operations were in progress.—P.C. 259 Y said prisoner's wife—who had promised to attend, but was not present—gave him a very bad character. He had been away from her for 10 weeks, and he had intended to take out a warrant for his apprehension.—Prisoner now said that when he went home his wife locked him out, and having nowhere to sleep he went to lie down in a house where he saw some planks.—Remanded.

**Worship-street.**—FATHER AND SON.—Walter Tulk, 17, was charged under the following circumstances: The father, a boot-laster, living in Bow, said that last November he entered into a bargain on behalf of the prisoner, who was then charged with stealing. On his promising to behave properly for the future the magistrate gave him a chance under the First Offenders' Act, and the father became bail for 12 months. The prisoner, however, had again relapsed, and he had been arrested on Tuesday he entered the house whilst the family was absent and forced open the door of a lodger's room, and after taking some money, absconded. The lodger would not prosecute, but the father gave information to the police. On Friday the prisoner was arrested.—The prosecutor, feeling that he was not safe in being bail for his son any longer, surrendered him to be dealt with for

the felony he was charged with in November.—Remanded in custody.

**Lambeth.**—HUSBAND AND WIFE.—James Driscoll, 34, labourer, of Vauxhall, was charged with assaulting his wife.—When the case was called on P.C. Ross stated that the prosecutrix was outside the court, but refused to enter. He believed she was afraid of the prisoner's violence.—Mr. Hopkins directed that the woman should be brought in. Subsequently the prosecutrix entered, but said that she did not wish to get her husband looked up. Upon being pressed by the clerk, she said the prisoner and herself were both drunk on Friday night. She struck him and he hit her back with his fist.—Insp. Dixon: This is a very different story to the one she told the night she complained. She has been kicked about by her husband, and she has been charged with assaulting his wife before?—Insp. Dixon: She has charged him five or six times, but he has never appeared.—P.C. Ross said he was on duty in Vauxhall, when his attention was drawn to the house in which the prisoner was residing by screams of "Murder!" and "Police!" He entered the house and saw the prisoner, whom he knew as a very violent man, knocking his wife about. It required the united efforts of witness and two other constables to get him to the station.—Fined 40s. or one month.

**South-Western.**—ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.—Frank McAliffe, 19, labourer, living in Mayrick-road, Battersea, was charged with being concerned with Frederick Hooper and his brother, William McAliffe (now undergoing seven years and eighteen months' imprisonment respectively), in violently assaulting John Mead, a tobacconist, and robbing him of 24s.—The complainant said that on Oct. 14 last he was in the Mayrick public-house, Battersea, when he was attacked by the prisoner and other men, who hurriedly expelled him from the house. The man who broke his leg got eighteen months. The second man recovered seven years.—Mr. Clier (severely): That is not a reason why the third man should not get 17. It is a serious matter, and please say what took place.—The complainant: The prisoner struck me. I was knocked down and the money taken from my trousers pocket.—Mr. Cecil Lyster, house surgeon of the Brompton Hospital, said the complainant was an inmate of that institution for six weeks, his injuries being severe. He had a bad fracture of the left leg, a severely bruised forehead, and five lacerations on the face and head. He must have been subjected to considerable violence, and had just recovered from his lacerations.—Det. Sgt. Thorley, who arrested the prisoner, said he stated that directly the struggle took place he "sloped."—Committed for trial.

**LADY AND THE CHAIRMAN.**—Alice Nelson, a woman, who refused her address, was charged with stealing a gold watch and chain, two brooches, three dresses, and other articles, valued at £28, the property of Emily Evans.—On Friday the prosecutrix was surprised on entering her bedroom to find the prisoner there. As she was a perfect stranger she was asked to get up, and she replied that she was a maid, and was waiting for the prisoner. The woman wrangled herself from the prosecutrix's grasp and ran down the stairs. The prosecutrix followed, and seizing her detained her until the arrival of a constable. She had apparently entered the house by the front door, which had been left open by the servant. The dresses were found packed up ready for removal. The gold watch and chain, the brooches, and a ring the prisoner had in her possession.—Remanded.

**Southwark.**—HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Two rough looking men, named Pickett and Pearson, were charged with assaulting Mr. A. E. Isaacson, manager of the George public-house, Waterloo-road.—Mr. H. J. Sydney appeared for the prosecution, and said that the prisoners were charged with robbing Isaacson on April 13 he was returning from the bank with £200 in gold in his pocket, and when in Tower-street, Westminster Bridge-road, he was set upon by four men. Pickett struck him first in the jaw, and Pearson then knocked him a black eye. Prosecutrix then gave the ground, and said that the prisoners were charged with robbing Isaacson of £84 from his pocket. The gold they did not find. Pickett took refuge in a butcher's shop, and the prisoners decamped. They were arrested later.—Previous convictions were proved of 16 months for felony against Pickett, and 18 months for robbery with violence against Pearson.—Committed for trial.

**LOCAL LOTTERY.**—John Leech was charged on remand with causing an obstruction by holding an illegal lottery.—Prisoner on Good Friday was in the New Cut with a quantity of crockery, and was selling tickets at 1d. each, the holder of the highest number taking the article designated. Prisoner was charged with selling tickets at one time, in order to dispose of his goods, and the public got value for their money.—Det. Darby said such men as the prisoner interfered with tradesmen's legitimate business. He had been repeatedly convicted of like offences.—One month.

**Croydon.**—AN ASSAULT IN A BILLIARD-ROOM.—Henry Watts, Wandale Mount, Charlton, was charged on remand with violently assaulting John McCarthy by striking him on the head with a billiard cue at the Windsor Castle public-house, Charlton.—Edward Fitzgerald, of Ely-road, Croydon, stated that on Thursday afternoon he was in the house named, when he heard McCarthy and the prisoner jeering each other. Suddenly Watts struck the prosecutor on the head with a cue, and he was taken to the hospital. A doctor was called in, and McCarthy was taken to the hospital.—P.C. 87 Y produced the billiard cue, which had been broken into three pieces. On being arrested Watts said, "Yes, I did strike him, but I did not know it hurt him so much."—The prisoner, who said he wished to plead guilty, now complained that Mr.Carthy had been wronging him all the morning, and explained that something the prosecutor had said had caused him to lose his temper, for which he was very sorry.—It was stated that prosecutrix was still detained at the hospital in such a condition that he would not be able to come out for a few days.—Emma Mayhew, 50, of Albert-road, South Norwood, was charged with stealing, during the last two years, one gold brooch, gold earrings, two gold locket, three gold rings, two silver table spoons, and other articles, the property of Mrs. Sarah Seago, her mistress.—Prosecutrix stated that she had been married 15 years, and had sole charge of the house during the day. It appeared that the prisoner had been in the habit of taking jewellery and articles of wearing apparel, &c., from the house and pledging them with various pawnbrokers in the neighbourhood. From time to time he would redeem some of the things, and he had been pledged more than once. On the prisoner being arrested 21 pawn tickets were found in her possession, and several of the missing articles were discovered in the prisoner's room.—Mr. Newman, for the defence, stated that the prisoner had been very much befriended during an illness, another woman, named McCarthy, had been in distress almost ever since, and it was for the purpose of assisting her that the

prisoner had pledged these things.—Mrs. Seago said she did not wish to press the case.—Two months.

**INQUESTS.**—KENNINGTON MYSTERY.—Mr. Trouthbeck resumed an inquiry respecting the death of G. W. Sargent, 57, chemist, Church-street, Kennington, who was found lying behind his counter under mysterious circumstances on the 19th ult. The deceased was a very eccentric individual, living by himself. On being removed to the St. George's Hospital, he was unable to give any account of how he came to be in such a state. The autopsy failed to show any cause for death, so the stomach, &c., were sent for analysis.—Dr. Stevenson, official analyst to the Home Office, stated that death was due to morphia poisoning, of which, apparently, a considerable dose had been taken.—Verdict, death from morphia poisoning, but how taken there was no evidence to show.

**CONVULSIONS.**—Dr. Danford Thomas held inquests at the Hampstead Dispensary Hall on the bodies of two children who died on the same day from similar causes, neither of whose parents resided near to each other in Netherwood-street, Kilburn. Neither of the medical men called in to see the children after death were present to give evidence.—One child, Ethel Grace Terry, aged 4, was the daughter of a constable. She was taken suddenly ill on Monday night, and died the next day for a doctor, who, it was alleged, refused to attend. She then sent for her husband who was on duty, and before he could obtain the services of another medical man the child died.—The second child, named Harry Brown, was only a week old. The coroner said that in each case death was due to convulsions.—Verdict, natural causes.

**FATALITY.**—Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest on the body of Albert Young, 53, of Munster-road, Fulham, clerk, employed at the Railway Clearing House, Euston.—Geo. W. Robinson stated that deceased was employed at the same desk as himself. On Tuesday afternoon he saw him deceased stumbled down the stairs, and he fell over the rail into the basement. He was picked up quite dead.—Dr. J. Wood, Oakley-square, stated there was a severe fracture of the skull, the brain being forced into the mouth. He noticed that the hand-rail was dangerous, and anyone might easily fall over.—Mr. Barnard, chief of the department in which deceased was employed, stated that his son had never been healthy, and suffered from bronchitis and inflammation, being attended by Dr. Paget at the West London Hospital for something formed in his throat. On account of want of room he was removed to Fulham Infirmary three months ago. Witness knew it was necessary for him to undergo an operation, and gave the chloroform, and the operation was successful. On Tuesday he heard of his son's death.—Dr. Williams, assistant medical officer, said that when admitted the deceased had a great difficulty in breathing in consequence of a growth at the back of the throat. For his own safety it was necessary this should be removed, and on April 10 he was put under an anæsthetic, about a drachm of chloroform being administered. This he took well, but when Dr. Steer was about to operate, breathing suddenly ceased. Artificial respiration was tried, but without effect, and he died in a short time. A post mortem examination showed a large mass of growth at the back of the throat, which the side of the glottis, which would impede the passage of air.

**DEATH DUE TO SHOCK.**—Death was due to shock from the nerve centres being suddenly paralysed by the administration of an anæsthetic.—Death from misadventure.

**SALVATION ARMY CASES.**—Mr. Baxter held an inquest on the body of a man unknown, aged about 54.—The evidence showed that the deceased passed last Monday night in the Salvation Army Shelter, West End Dock-road. Two statements were given. The first, by a man named Taylor, who was found to be ill, and the relieving officer had him removed to the Stepney Workhouse at Ratcliff. Although brandy and nourishment were given the man, he died an hour later.—Albert Thomas, master of the workhouse, stated that the deceased was in a filthy condition. He was unconscious when admitted, and he died in the workhouse. The cause of death was oedema of the lungs, accelerated by exposure and want of food for a long time.—"Natural death" was returned.—A second inquiry was held at the Whitechapel Infirmary concerning the death of Mary Ann Linahan, 31, charwoman.—From the evidence it appeared that the deceased had been in the barracks at Caterham. It appeared that the deceased had been in the barracks about four years. Corp. Pitt saw the deceased in the barracks room apparently cleaning his rifle. Two minutes later he heard the report of a rifle, and on looking round heard someone shout "Good God! that man has shot himself." Part of deceased's head was blown away. It was against the rules to have ammunition in the room, and entailed a serious punishment. The deceased must have retained the cartridge in the last firing session. Witness believed the deceased placed the barrel of the gun to his head and pulled the trigger with his thumb.—Private Treherne said he was in the barracks-room when deceased shot himself, and could not account for his possession of the cartridge, having been told that there was not a round of Lee-Enfield ammunition in the place.—Lieut. Bathurst gave the deceased a good character. Col. Sgt. Greenwood said no cordite cartridges were kept at those barracks.—Surgeon-capt. Sheldrake stated that the left side of the head was completely blown away. Deceased leant his head forward on the gun. The injuries were terrible, and it had been instantaneous.

**SUICIDE OF A SOLDIER.**—Mr. Morrison resumed his inquiry with reference to the death of Thos. Pullen, pte. 1st Batt. Grenadier Guards, who on Tuesday shot himself in the barracks at Caterham.—It appeared that the deceased had been in the barracks about four years. Corp. Pitt saw the deceased in the barracks room apparently cleaning his rifle. Two minutes later he heard the report of a rifle, and on looking round heard someone shout "Good God! that man has shot himself." Part of deceased's head was blown away. It was against the rules to have ammunition in the room, and entailed a serious punishment. The deceased must have retained the cartridge in the last firing session. Witness believed the deceased placed the barrel of the gun to his head and pulled the trigger with his thumb.—Private Treherne said he was in the barracks-room when deceased shot himself, and could not account for his possession of the cartridge, having been told that there was not a round of Lee-Enfield ammunition in the place.—Lieut. Bathurst gave the deceased a good character. Col. Sgt. Greenwood said no cordite cartridges were kept at those barracks.—Surgeon-capt. Sheldrake stated that the left side of the head was completely blown away. Deceased leant his head forward on the gun. The injuries were terrible, and it had been instantaneous.

**MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A SOLICITOR'S CLERK.**—Mr. Baylis held an inquiry with reference to the death of James E. Wood, a solicitor's clerk, of The Hawthth, East Dulwich-road.—Wm. H. Wood, barrister's clerk, Brayard-road, Peckham, said the deceased was his brother. He left home on March 29 for the purpose of going to business. He had no pecuniary or domestic trouble.—Edmund Wood, Peckham, said he, barrister's clerk, stated that he and the deceased went into the Devereux public-house, Strand, at 7.30 p.m. on the 29th, and started there on

hour. The deceased then left, saying that he was going to meet a fellow clerk, James Allwood, labourer, deposed to finding the body of the deceased in the river near Battersea Bridge on Friday morning. Only 7d. in bronze was found in the pockets.—Mr. Wilmot said that when the deceased left him he had a handful of silver.—Dr. Kemper said the deceased entered the water while alive, and that death was due to drowning.—Found drowned.

**NOTICE OF INQUEST.**—Mr. Wyatt held an inquest on the body of Norah C. Crowhurst, 8 months, daughter of a single woman living at Faulkner-street, New Cross.—The mother said that she worked at a laundry, and the child was looked after by its grandmother.—Laura Crowhurst, the grandmother, said that she had charge of deceased whilst its mother went out to work. She (the mother) was not able to do much, as she was not strong. She tried deceased with different kinds of food, but it was unable to keep any down.—Dr. Pring stated that he saw deceased three weeks ago; it was called in on Tuesday morning, but it was dead when he arrived. The cause of death was starvation, for the want of power to assimilate food.—The coroner: Was it well cared for?—Witness: As far as I could judge.—The coroner: There was no willful neglect.—Witness: No; I should say the neglect arose from pure ignorance.—Verdict accordingly.

**INFLUENZA.**—Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest on the body of Thos. C. Jackson, 39, French polisher, Little Epsom-road, Hampstead-road.—The widow stated that the deceased was a teetotaler and a good workman, but some five weeks before he died he was confined to his bed by influenza, and he complained every day of severe pains in the head. He could not sleep at night, and on the 30th ult. witness "missed him" from home, and did not see him again until his body was found in the Recent's Canal on Tuesday.—Frederick Rose, the road sweeper, deposed that on the evening of the 30th ult. witness thought he had been drinking.—P.C. 429 J spoke to recovering the body from the water on Tuesday. Two laudanum bottles were in his pockets.—Dr. Fletcher deposed that death was due to asphyxia.—Open verdict.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

**4TH QUEEN'S WEST SURREY.**—The prizes won last season by the members of this corps were distributed at the Guildhall by the Lady Mayors in the presence of the Lord Mayor, who had been appointed honorary colonel of the corps. Col. Hadden, the commanding officer, detailed the work carried out during the past year. At the end of the Volunteer year the enrolled strength was 966, of whom 915 were fully efficient. In musketry there were 118 marksmen, and 235 first, 515 second, and 9 third-class shots. The corps of men for training numbered 17,842, and for recruits 19,413. The best shooting company was G, and Pte. Wikar, of D Company, was the best shot in the battalion in class B, with a score of 100 per cent. The principal winners of prizes were:—Series I: Pte. Wikar, Leonard, and Brown, Staff-sergt. Morgan, Col. Frost, Pte. Beadling, Col. Frost, Pte. Gardiner, Col. Sgt. Mountain, and Pte. Vaughan. Series II: Pte. Scarborough, Col. Sgt. Baynard, and Sgt. Treacher. Series III: Pte. Tait, Tritton, and Nash. A gold badge was presented to the Lady Mayors by Col. Hadden as a memento of the interesting event. This was followed by the announcement that the new honorary colonel had given a handsome challenge cup, which had been awarded to Staff-sergt. W. F. Groves for general efficiency.

**26TH MIDDLESEX (POST OFFICE).**—The annual drill of this corps was held at the Victoria Restaurant, Westminster. Capt. St. John presiding. Capt. St. John presented an excellent report showing the strength and efficiency of the company.

**1ST WEST SURREY.**—The members of this corps held a battalion rifle club competition on the ranges at Morden Park. The first shoot was on the 21st inst. The second shoot also took place on the same ranges.

**1ST SURREY.**—There was a large number at Bisle shooting for the Fallow Cup. Corp. Gill was top with a score of 56. Corp. Davis second with 53. The amount of the prize was £10. In the Queen's competition, Pte. Turner made 87, Corp. Gill 86, Corp. Davis 85, and Pte. Cratchley 83.

**3RD LONDON.**—Various companies of this corps were at Rainham competing for prizes. The best scores were as follows:—A company, 1st series: Pte. Shipman, 65; Pte. Price, 61; Bandmaster Day, 61; and Corp. Stevens, 57. 2nd series: Pte. Harris and Taylor, 67 each; Pte. Ormerod and Field, 64; E. Company, 1st series: Pte. Taylor, 71; Sgt. Edwards, 76; Sgt. Wheeler, and Pte. Thompson, 69. 2nd series: Pte. Ford, 67; Pte. Middleton, 63; and Pte. Harner, 60. C Company: Corp. Giamila, 73; Corp. Watson and Pte. Harris, 71.

**4TH BEXLEY.**—The second Bexley competition was held at Efford. The best totals were Sgt. Matthews and Pioneer Broadway, 77; Pioneer Jarvis, 74; Corp. Cook and Sgt. Chubb, 73; Col. Frost, 69; Sgt. 72; Sgt. Corp. Goddard, 65; Pte. Gibbs, 64; Pte. Jeffrey, 63; and Corp. Laing, 62.

**1ST MIDDLESEX.**—A large number of this corps were at Stammers competing for "Our Club" Plate. The best totals were: Lieut. Mullen, Lieut. Cleland, and Capt. Warren, 63, 61 each; Sgt. Sheard, 58; and Pte. Wright, and Lieut. Kingston, 54.

**2ND (SOUTH) MIDDLESEX.**—At Caterham the members shot for places in the Bisle Queen's Prize team. Sgt. Pullman made 75, Pte. Brooks 74, Sgt. Cleland, 70, Sgt. John 60, and Pte. Christian 59.

The new wing of the West Ham Hospital, Stratford, which has just been erected, was opened on Saturday afternoon. The new building has cost £2,750. At Redruth on Saturday a dwelling-house suddenly fell, burying with it four boys. Upon extrication, one had named Watling was found to be dead, and the others were severely cut and bruised.

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